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CANADA.

*Inspection of immigrants at St. John, New Brunswick.*ST. JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK, *January 19, 1903.*

Assistant Surgeon Billings reports for the week ended January 17, 1903, as follows: Immigrants inspected, 161; detained, 6; passed, 155.

The SURGEON-GENERAL.

CHINA.

Treatment and cure of leprosy in south China by Dr. Adolph Razlag.

[No. 227.]

CANTON, CHINA, *September 4, 1902.*

SIR: In further continuation of my Nos. 196 and 213, concerning the treatment and cure of leprosy in south China, by Dr. Adolph Razlag, an American citizen, I have the honor to report as follows:

The wonderful success attending Dr. Razlag's efforts has attracted considerable attention here among both natives and foreigners, especially amongst the Manchu and Chinese high officials, civil and military, and will also, I have no doubt, be viewed with profound interest by humanitarians everywhere, as well as by men and women versed in medical science. His initial operations began, as I have already related in my previous dispatches, on April 20, 1902, in the leper village, which is situated about 6 miles to the east of Canton.

The results of the first 4 cases have gone far to show that his work of treatment, etc., has passed beyond the stage of what might aptly be called experimentation. For, although the 4 patients have only been four months under treatment, 3 of them have returned to their ordinary avocations—one a native preacher and teacher attached to the American Presbyterian mission at Kuk Fau, one a coolie carrying heavy loads of matting, rice, etc., on his shoulders from almost daybreak until darkness sets in, between 8 and 9 o'clock at night, and one a boy of 16 years, who has made a practical recovery, while the fourth one is still under treatment, his case being undoubtedly a desperate one when first taken in hand, its features predicting but little hope of a successful issue. A second group of patients, 13 in number, all of them in advanced stages of this loathsome and repulsive disease, is now under treatment in the new house immediately adjoining the leper village or settlement, which, through my efforts, H. E. Tao Mu, viceroy of the Two Kwangs, has courteously placed at the disposal of Dr. Razlag for his patients. The condition and treatment of each leper are detailed in the following report, prepared at my instance by Dr. Razlag, who, by the way, defrays the entire expenses of food, clothing, medicines, etc., for the unfortunates, whose condition he is alleviating and to whose hopeless and despairing hearts he has brought rays of comfort and gladful hope. In his report he presents a plausible and commendable scheme for the establishment of an island sanitarium, where the lepers of both sexes and all ages can be segregated and successfully treated. I feel it to be my duty to suffering humanity to commend his scheme (or plan) to the serious consideration of the Department and of the scientific world. As I have personally witnessed the progress of his leprous patients from the nauseating and repellent stages of foul ulceration, etc., to comparative recovery, I have necessarily a strong belief in the efficacy of his methods